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Yasuhiro KUWAHARA, et al.

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		Multiple claims newly presented		\$0.0	
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In response to the Office Action of May 20, 2004, please enter the following amendment.

IN THE TITLE

Please delete the current title and insert therefore:

METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR MULTI-VALUATION PROCESSING OF IMAGE DATA.